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Division of Waste Management**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: AUGUST 4, 1999
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FROM: P. J. PRETE
RE: WILEY DAVIS ROAD / DH GRIFFIN
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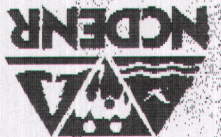
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TO: NEIGHBORS LIVING NEAR THE WILEY DAVIS LANDFILL
IMPORTANT * PLEASE READ! *** IMPORTANT**

The Permit for the "Little" dump of the Wiley Davis Landfill expires on September 13, 1999. To prevent the permit from being renewed for another five (5) years we need to put additional pressure on the "powers-that-be" in the DENR office in Raleigh. We have been advised that a letter writing campaign is an effective way to accomplish this goal of "NO RENEWAL of PERMIT No. 41-N".

The attached letter has been written to expedite this purpose. It is written so that you may sign it, then print your name and address and return it to us for mailing. If you wish, you may write your own letter using this one as an example. In either case please return the signed letter to Nancy Lenker or Dick Fayssoux for mailing. This is important since the mail system to State Government offices has been changed and the use of a special delivery code is required.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR LETTER BY SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 1999.

Now for an update on the LANDFILL PROJECT:

The "BIG DUMP" is scheduled for closure by September 15, 1999. We are keeping pressure on the State to see that there are no more extensions granted.

Thirty-six (36) residential wells have been analyzed in our neighborhood. Twenty-six (26) wells have shown some degree of contamination. The County Health Department has said the water in these wells is "safe to drink" because only "trace amounts of organic chemicals and/or metals are present". Since some of the wells tested had five or more contaminants identified we have sent test data off to two outside toxicologist for opinions. This is because the County Health Department did not take "simultaneous exposure" to multiple chemical compounds into account. Additive or synergistic effects in such cases can make a BIG difference in the toxic effects on the human body. In the twenty-six (26)-contaminated wells, eighteen (18) chemicals were identified. Five of these chemicals are known or suspected carcinogens.

If your well has been tested and you have not received the results call Eric Ireland (574-3540). Also, call Mr. Ireland to have your well tested if you were missed on the first go-around. The County Health Department made the offer to do this "for free" for those living in the neighborhood of the landfill. By having the test done we can get a better picture as to how far the contaminants have traveled from the Wiley Davis road area. This is important data for those outside sources we are having evaluate our situation.

Regarding the effect on or the devaluation of real estate because of living near the Wiley Davis Landfill, this is definitely no pipe dream but a reality! One house on Sedgewood Lane that was up for sale by a very reputable real estate firm was taken off the market when it became known the well was within the County Groundwater Contamination Zone #36. Just another reason to keep behind our mutual problem until justice prevails! It took years for the "Trinity Foam" project to be "won" and the fight was well worth the effort.

Please do not forget the August 7 deadline for returning the letter. It really is 100 (or more) of these letters to mail at one time to The Department of Environ in Raleigh. The numbers really make a big impression on the "powers-that-be" results in efforts such as ours!

Thanks for your help.

Nancy Lenker
4010 Sedgewood Lane
292-7198

Dick Fayssoux
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299-4885

Larry -
Please provide notes
briefly responding
to highlighted
comments (on separate
page). Thanks.
- Phil

Mr. Wayne McDevitt
North Carolina DENR
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Raleigh, NC 27604-1148

Dear Mr. McDevitt:

As a resident of Southwest Guilford County living near the Wiley Davis Landfill, Inc. I am concerned about the impact this facility is having on the surrounding environment, my health and the value of my property. Mr. D.H. Griffin, owner/operator of the landfill was requested to close the facility in 1990 by Guilford County and the State of North Carolina "since it had outlived its usefulness". Yet, nearly a decade later, the landfill is still operating even though the Groundwater Division of the NCDENR declared the Landfill a Class "A" Contamination Site in 1991.

Mr. Griffin has been cited over 30 times for environmental/operational violations since his landfill permit No. 41-B was issued on May 28, 1980. Since May 28, 1980 over 60 chemical contaminants have been identified in the environs of this landfill. The chemical concentrations have been reported over a range from "trace" amounts to amounts far exceeding North Carolina drinking water standards. Since mid April of this year 36 residential wells in the neighborhoods near the landfill have been tested and 26 have shown contamination with metals/organic compounds previously detected in the landfill. Though most of the chemical compounds in the residential wells have been reported to be in the "trace" or "safe zone", this determination was made on the basis of a single contaminant. Many of the residential wells have multiple contaminates. Synergistic or additive effects caused by simultaneous exposure to more than one chemical compound have not been investigated since there are presently no "standards" covering this potential health threat. Thus, this health issue remains unresolved.

The Wiley Davis Landfill, Inc. site is actually comprised of two landfills. The "Big" landfill (permit No. 41-B) and the "Little" landfill (permit No. 41-N). The "Big" landfill is scheduled to close September 15, 1999, but at a recent public hearing the engineer in charge of the closure said they may not be able to meet this closure date. Mr. Griffin has already been granted extension after extension of the closure dates and there should be no further delays granted.

Permit 41-N for the "Little" landfill will expire September 13, 1999. Based on the operating history of Mr. Griffin's two landfills as reported in public documents there has been an apparent lack of concern on the part of public officials to effectively regulate these operations. Guilford County and State officials have time and again ignored the seriousness of violations that were potential threats to the public health. They have "looked the other way" when unapproved/illegal materials showed up in the landfill waste stream. The public records demonstrate actions on the part of the State and County officials that kept this landfill operating with no apparent concern for the nearby neighborhoods or the overall environment.

The Neighborhood is fearful of this landfill, the contamination it has caused in our wells, the noise, foul odors and toxic fumes from fires. There have been three sizeable fires since January 30 of 1998, the last on July 26, 1999, reportedly caused by "improper" incoming waste. Therefore, it is requested you take whatever action is necessary to accomplish the following:

- A. An on-time closure of the "Big" landfill (No. 41-B). The severest of penalties should be imposed for any deviations from the September 15, 1999 closure date.
- B. Order closure of the "Little" landfill (Permit No. 41-N) September 13, 1999. Under no circumstances should the 41-N permit be renewed since public documents demonstrate Mr. Griffin has either been unable or unwilling to abide by State or County regulations in the past.

Sincerely,
(Signature)

Name (Please Print) _____ Date _____
+ _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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From: D. H. Griffin, Sr
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Message: Got a copy of this letter
thought you'd be interested
in seeing what is going
on!

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